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SUBJ: DANISH GOVERNMENT STATEMENT ON ER/RB WEAPON

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1. WHEN I SAW MFA PERMANENT UNDER SECRETARY EIGIL JORGENSEN EVENING OF MARCH 16, I AVAILED MYSELF OF OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER LISE OSTERGAARD'S STATEMENT IN THE FOLKETING ON THE ER/RB WEAPON (REFTEL). JORGENSEN SAID THAT I COULD HARDLY MAGINE HOW DIFFICULT IT WAS TO GET THE PRIME MINISTER TO GO ALONG WITH THE DECLARATION. HOWEVER, JORGENSEN SAID, FACT THAT THIS SUBJECT HAD BEEN DISCUSSED IN WASHINGTON WITH BOTH PRESIDENT CARTER AND SECRETARY OF DEFENSE BROWN HAD MADE IT EASIER FOR THE DANISH TECHNICIANS TO GET DANISH GOVERNMENT'S APPROVAL FOR THE STATEMENT. SPECIFICALLY, HE POINTED OUT THAT DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER OSTERGAARD HAD STRESSED DEFENSIVE NATURE OF WEAPON, SOMETHING PRESIDENT CARTER HAD EXPLAINED TO DANISH PRIME MINISTER AT THE FEB 21 WHITE HOUSE MEETING.

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2. THE UNDER SECRETARY SAID THAT HE WILL ACCOMPANY FOREIGN MINISTER K.B. ANDERSEN TO BONN FOR MEETINGS ON MARCH 17-18 WHERE, AMONG OTHER SUBJECTS, ER/RB WEAPON WILL BE DISCUSSED. JORGENSEN SAID THAT HE HOPED CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT WOULD WEIGH IN HEAVILY IN SUPPORT OF THE AMERICAN POSITION BECAUSE THIS WOULD FACILITATE JOB OF

TECHNICIANS IN KEEPING DENMARK IN LINE IN THE NATO
DISCUSSIONS.

3. EIGIL JORGENSEN EXPECTS THAT THE PREPARATION FOR THE
ECONOMIC SUMMIT MEETING IN JULY WILL ALSO BE ONE OF
THE MAJOR SUBJECTS OF DISCUSSION IN BONN BETWEEN DANES
AND WEST GERMANS.

4. I HAVE APPOINTMENT EARLY NEXT WEEK TO GET A READOUT
ON THE MEETING.
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